Eighth Five Year Plan period yet to be decided; a detailed strategy will be worked out to meet the situation during the Eighth Plan period.

Fire in ammunition factory at Khadki in Pune

*76. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fire broke out in the ammunition factory at Khadki in April, 1992, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether is the amount of loss caused thereby;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into it, if so, the findings thereof;

(d) whether any responsibility has been fixed, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any relief has been given to those killed or injured in the incident;

(f) what precautions have now been taken by Government to avoid recurrence of such incidents; and

(g) what are the other ammunition/weapon manufacturing factories in the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A fire accident took place on April 8, 1992 in the Ammunition Factory, Kirkee. The fire which broke out at 1045 hours was brought under control within two hours. Ten people died and four sustained minor injuries in the accident. One process building, adjacent storage rooms and the protection walls were damaged in the fire.

A Board of Enquiry under the chairmanship of Controller of Quality Assurance (Military Explosives), Kirkee was ordered on the same day to investigate into the accident. The terms of reference include determination of possible causes of the accident and persons responsible, assessment of the damage to property, machinery and materials and remedial measures required to be taken to avoid recurrence.

(e) Yes, Sir. By way of immediate relief, ex-gratia payment of Rs. 6100 each has been paid to the bereaved families. Ex-gratia payments of Rs. 1000/- each to two of the injured and Rs. 500/- each to the other two, were also paid.

(f) On receipt of the recommendations of Board of Enquiry, remedial measures to be recommended by it will be implemented.

(g) As per list appended.

LIST

1. Ordnance Factory, Varangaon.
2. Ordnance Factory, Khamaria.
3. Ordnance Factory, Chanda.
4. Ordnance Factory, Dehu Road.
5. High Explosive Factory, Kirkee.
6. Ordnance Factory, Itarsi.
7. Ordnance Factory, Bhandara.
8. Ordnance Factory, Aruvankadu.
9. Ordnance Factory, Kanpur.
10. Field Gun Factory, Kanpur.
11. Gun Carriage Factory, Jabalpur.
12. Gun and Shell Factory, Cossipore.
13. Rifle Factory, Ichapore.
14. Small Arms Factory, Kanpur.
15. Ordnance Factory, Tiruchirappally.

Sale of additional items by Super Bazar

*77. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Super Bazar and its branches are selling items of public distribution in addition to sale of scarcity items;

(b) if so, the names of items separately under scarcity and public distribution system being sold by branches of Super Bazar;